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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD: Trip To High Point

On Thursday, 11 June 1959, Mr. Carrico and the undersigned accompanied Mr. Jack Hurley, OCDM, to High Point. High Point is a Government relocation center operated by OCDM.

While motoring to High Point, Mr. Hurley briefed us on the mission and facilities of the installation as well as describing what some of the large commercial companies are doing to protect their vital assets both people and records.

Upon arrival at High Point, which is located high on a hill, we were issued temporary badges which would permit us to tour the area without escort. However, to our advantage, Mr. Hurley drove us around the installation showing us the numerous barracks type buildings that are used for housing relocated personnel. These are two story cinder-block buildings equipped with beds, chairs, shower rooms, etc.

The Administration Offices, Commanding Officer, Deputy CO, Security Office, Engineering Office, Communications Office, cafeteria, and offices occupied by stand by officers of agencies which are scheduled to relocate here are all presently located above ground on the top of the hill. The barracks are spread out, mostly located on varying elevations down the side of the hill.

Mr. Hurley stated that sixteen (16) agencies have representatives at High Point at all times. Rotation of representatives every two weeks seems to be SOP. In all it is expected that 22 agencies will relocate at High Point during exercises or an actual emergency.

Mr. Hurley stated that the underground air conditioned facility which will accommodate 3,000 people will be available for occupancy in September of this year. This underground installation which will provide both working and living quarters for these 3,000 people, with enough food for a 30 day period, is located under the hill and at its deepest point will approximate 300 feet.

It was unfortunate that Mr. Teddick was not on the base the day we were there, but his assistant started us on a tour of the establishment by introducing us to Col. Edwards, the Communications Officer. Col. Edwards very ably briefed us on the operations of his office and described improvements to be made in space and equipment when his facility moves down into the "Hole" in September.

We then visited the War Room where we were briefed on the way damage assessment and paths of radioactive fall out will be charted on a large scale map. This facility will also move underground in September. In order to effectively assess damage a computer will be installed in the "Hole". It was in this room that we saw a chart listing the agencies that will be in communication with High Point. I believe there were about 30 agencies, CIA was listed with its communications code.

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Next we visited with the Deputy Commanding Officer, Mr. Bourasa, an ex-OSS employee. He described very well the mission of High Point, emphasizing the importance of each agency having on location at all times, a representative. He felt that our agency should have a person stationed there on a stand-by basis. He felt this would provide a person familiar with our operations who could intelligently answer questions that may arise.

He stated that our communication lines with High Point are checked periodically, at least monthly.

Mr. Bourasa was sorry that we were not able to go down into the "Hole", but invited us to return after it is activated in September. Due to restrictions imposed by the contractor we were unable to view the underground facility at this time.



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